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> > February 23, 2006

Robert Steele HICAL 1 Mine 1055 North 400 East Nephi, Utah 84648

Subject: Failure to Post Additional Surety, Bob Steele, Hi-Cal, M/023/071, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Steele:

On October 11, 2005 Doug Jensen and myself visited the Hi-Cal mine and determined that the plan must be revised prior to bond reduction. You asked us to consider the reduction of the highwall and we informed you that until a revised plan is received, the Division could not accurately determine the bond. You stated you would get this updated information to us. To date, the Division has not received this information and still has not granted final approval for your permit. The division originally granted tentative approval on March 11, 2005 and requested the additional \$8,000 dollar surety.

The Division needs to finalize and approve this permit. The Division requests you submit the revised information or a \$8,000 surety within thirty days or the Division will perform an inspection and may issue a cessation order for failure to have an approved mining permit.

Any questions or concerns about this please contact myself or Tom Munson (801) 538-5321 of my staff.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White

Mining Program Coordinator Minerals Regulatory Program

Juan M. White

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cc: Jerry Mansfield, Fillmore

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State of Utah Division of Oil Gas & Minin Mining/Exploration Summary

Permt # M230071 Name: HICAL 1 LARGE MINING OPERATION Location Ownership Mine Status **Permit Status** Status: NAP Approved: Status: ACT Surface: BLM UTMX: 414,783 Recieved: 03/27/2003 11 Date: 10/11/2005 Mineral: BLM UTMY: 4,391,692 Tent Appr: 03/11/2005 Methods Surf/Under: SURFACE Minerals Mined/Explored: TRAVERTINE Methods Used: Bondina Permit Fees **Date Sent Date Received** Approved Acres Acres Released **Date Released** 10/11/2005 06/28/2005 5 0 11 Bond Type Fee Received Cash Receipt CD - BANK OF AMERICAN FORK #70024038 6NROG000033 \$ 500 Bond Amount: **Deliquent Notice Date Bond Expires:** 20,000 \$ 10/13/2005 08/26/2005 **Comments:** 10/11/2005 - Rec'd delinquent fee payment. Mine status changed from "SUS" back to "ACT". 10/11/2005 - Site inspection performed w/operator to determine if bond amount could be reduced due to reclamation that has been done. 8/26/2005 - Sent 2nd notice that permit fee not paid. Mining suspended until fee paid. If not paid by 9/6/05 NOV will be issued which will carry a fine and penalty. Continuing activities before the fee is paid will result in a Cessation Order which carries a separate fine and penalty. 8/18/2005 - Rec'd letter documentation and 8/11/05 phone conversation wherein operator wants to amend plan. Approximately 2 1/2 acres of mine have been reclaimed and reseeded; therefore, request inspection and reconsideration of Board's request for additional bonding. Action: DELQ **Last Action** Start Date: 08/26/2005 End Date: / / **Delinquent Notice Sent** Last Inspection Date 10/11/2005 Inspector TM Date of inspection: 10/11/2005 - Report date: 10/12/2005 Purpose of Inspection: The purpose of this inspection was at the request of the operator that an engineer, namely Doug Jensen, visit the site and determine if there Last Annual Report 2004 Acreage: 6.0 Acr Reclaimed: 3.0 Production: 2,,00, T **Last Agency Action** Agency: BLM Agency ID: UTU-078294 Date: 04/02/200 Operator STEELE, ROBERT 802 Oper Id: **TaxID** Contact: ROBERT & TERRY STEELE Phone: (435) 623-1877 Address: 1055 NORTH 400 EAST Fax E-Mail **NEPHI UT 84648** 4/18/2005 - Gary Burningham phone: (801) 756-8138 - fax: (801) 756-4123. Address: 95 North 200 E, PO Box 974, American Fork, UT 84003. Location Qaatr Qatr Qtr Section Township Range Merid **Quad Sheet** NE 24 S13.0 W02.0 S sugarloaf guad